



The Scottish Rock Garden Club SHOW REPORTS NOTTINGHAM CONFERENCE 2011



Part 1

**Forrest Medal &
Farrer Medal
Best Plant in the Show
Trillium grandflorum
Shown by
Chris Lilley**



Who could possibly be the winner of 'the best plant in show' in a show of hundreds of the world's best rock garden plants, grown and shown by the best growers and exhibitors in the alpine world?

Chris Lilley! That's who!
What a feat of horticulture!
Judge for yourself

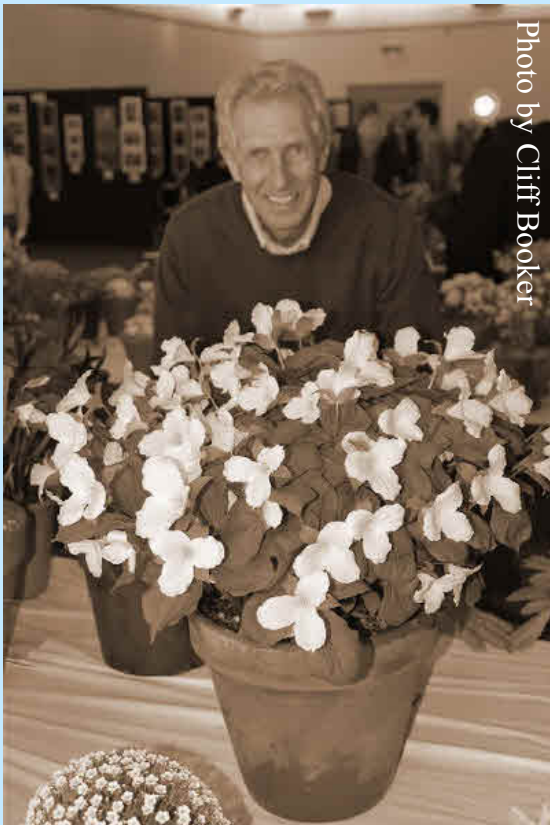


Photo by Cliff Booker



Night-time in Nottingham



The trees in Nottingham university must have been planted just to be in flower on the week of the 8th International Conference which was held from 14th till 17th April 2011. The cherry blossom could not have been more perfect had the show been held in Japan! At night as you can see the main avenue was a scene straight out of a fairy tale. During the week of the conference this was possibly the 'Most Beautiful Car park in the World'



The Best Show of Rock plants for a Decade



Tables stretched as far as the eye could see, each one laden with pans of fabulous rock plants entered in 221 of the 247 classes. This is quite remarkable as the schedule is made up before anyone knows what the season will be like. A big thank you to everyone who entered plants, especially those who lived far away and had to care for them at the conference for 2

days before the show. What a pity the show did not run for the whole duration of the conference then we would have been able to study the plants more carefully. Thank goodness for digital pictures which make it possible to relive the whole show at home months later.



So many wonderful plants!



A Certificate of Merit for Cyril Lafong's **Cypripedium 'Ursel'** which is a cross between *C. fasciolatum* and *C. henryi*



A Certificate of Merit for Peter Semple's **Gentiana acaulis**



A wonderful *Lewisia cotyledon* between two exceptional *Lewisia tweedyi* plants



Androsace studiosorum & **A. vandellii**

2 Classes : 9 Great Plants!



Barry Winter's magical 6 pan entry was only given a second place. I empathise with Barry because 10 years ago my 6 pan entry in this class was also given a second. Not that I hold a grudge or anything but it must be 20 years since anyone managed a first prize in the large 6 Pan class. I heard the reasons for this time and for 10 years ago but still ...



A cracking 3 pan entry for lovers of wee Erics or as they are better recognised in Nottingham, ericaceous specilaists. Dave Mountfort's Kalmiopsis 'Curry County Form'; x Phylliopsis 'Pinnocchio'; Cassiope lycopodioides 'Beatrice Lilley' Could Beatrice be a relation of Forrest medal winner Chris?



A Certificate of Merit for Lee 7 Julie Martin's Androsace studiosorum 'Doksa,

Compare it with the 'not Doksa' form on the previous page.



So Different; but all are Rock Plants!

Primula 'Wharfedale Bluebell'



Kalmiopsis leachiana



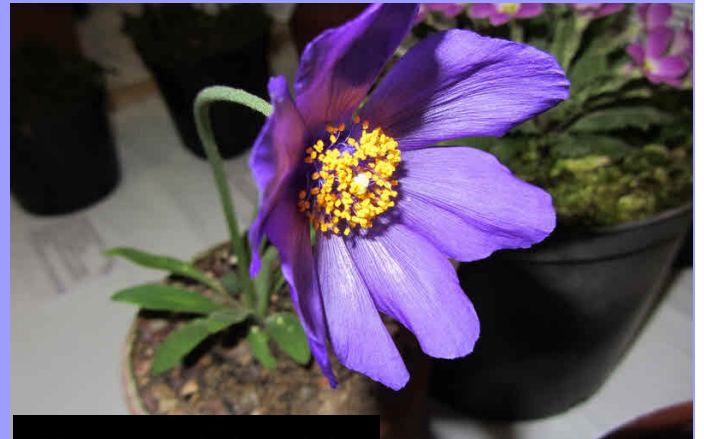
Haberlea ferdinandi-coburgii



Clematis tenuiloba 'Ylva'



Meconopsis henrici



Erythronium helenae



Alkanna sieheana



Alkanna aucheriana



Close Up



Tristagma leichtlinii



Adonis cyllenea



Grevillea lanigera prostrata



Clematis scottii



Daphne modesta



Penstemon nitidus



Primula ellisiae



Asarum trigynum album

Rhododendrons



Rhododendrons
on left:
Ginny Gee
Wee Bee?
Wren
roxianum
Above:
Crane

Rhododendrons
Below
racemosum
mekongense
x ludlowii
chamaethomsonii
And bottom:
Tree creeper



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